

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of providing medical treatment comprising the steps of:
2 a) receiving a patient in an emergency situation;
3 b) diagnosing said patient;
4 c) digitally storing all aspects of the diagnosis on a computer; and,
5 d) providing treatment based upon said diagnosis for a period not to exceed twenty-four
6 hours.

1 2. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 1, wherein the step of
2 diagnosing said patient includes the steps of:
3 a) taking a medical history of the patient;
4 b) conducting a physical examination of the patient; and,
5 c) performing tests on the patient.

1 3. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 2, wherein the step of
2 performing tests on the patient includes the step of generating selected digital imaging of the
3 patient.

1 4. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 3, wherein the step of
2 generating digital imaging of the patient includes the step of creating a digital x-ray of a portion
3 of the patient.

1 5. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 4, further including
2 the step of making the diagnosis of the patient digitally accessible to a remote care-facility.

1 6. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 5, further including:
2 a) automatically and electronically notifying a primary care physician of the patient; and,
3 b) digitally providing access to the diagnosis to the primary care physician.

1 7. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 5, further including
2 the step of transporting the patient to the remote care-facility.

1 8. An emergency care method comprising the steps of:
2 a) diagnosing a patient within a facility remote from a hospital;
3 b) digitally storing all aspects of the diagnosis on a computer; and,
4 c) providing treatment based upon said diagnosis for a period not to exceed twenty-four
5 hours.

1 9. The method according to claim 8,

2 a) wherein the step of diagnosing said patient includes the steps of:

3 1) taking a medical history of the patient,

4 2) conducting a physical examination of the patient, and,

5 3) performing tests on the patient; and,

6 b) wherein the step of digitally storing all aspects of the diagnosis includes the step of,
7 under a reference for the patient, digitally storing the medical history, physical examination
8 results, and tests of the patient.

1 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the step of performing tests on the patient
2 includes the step of generating selected digital imaging of the patient.

1 11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the step of generating digital imaging of
2 the patient includes the step of creating a digital x-ray of a portion of the patient.

1 12. The method according to claim 11, further including:

2 a) automatically and electronically notifying a primary care physician of the patient; and,

3 b) digitally providing access to the diagnosis to the primary care physician.

1 13. The method according to claim 11, further including the step of making the
2 diagnosis of the patient digitally accessible to a remote care-facility.

1 14. The method according to claim 13, further including the step of transporting the
2 patient to the remote care-facility.

1 15. A method of providing medical treatment comprising the steps of:
2 a) receiving a patient in an emergency situation;
3 b) diagnosing said patient by,
4 1) taking a medical history of the patient,
5 2) conducting a physical examination of the patient, and,
6 3) performing tests on the patient;
7 c) digitally storing all aspects of the diagnosis on a computer; and,
8 d) providing treatment based upon said diagnosis for a period not to exceed twenty-four
9 hours.

1 16. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 15, further including:
2 a) automatically and electronically notifying a primary care physician of the patient; and,
3 b) digitally providing access to the diagnosis to the primary care physician.

1 17. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 15, wherein the step
2 of performing tests on the patient includes the step of generating selected digital imaging of the
3 patient.

1 18. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 17, wherein the step
2 of generating digital imaging of the patient includes the step of creating a digital x-ray of a
3 portion of the patient.

1 19. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 18, further including
2 the step of making the diagnosis of the patient digitally accessible to a remote care-facility.

1 20. The method of providing medical treatment according to claim 19, further including
2 the step of transporting the patient to the remote care-facility.